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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on April 10, 2009. Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-22, drawn to a method for responding to injury of an excitable tissue by administering a sodium channel blocker, a non-specific protease inhibitor, and a corticosteroid) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a future divisional application.

The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.766.6025 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted.

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